

House Resolution No. 222

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of “Outstanding Missourian” through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Mr. Ronald Buxton, a native of Lake Ozark, Missouri, is to be commended for his contributions to the United States Army where he is a Sergeant in the Survey Platoon of Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Armored Division based in Giessen, Germany; and

Whereas, Sergeant Buxton served diligently as Alpha Team Leader for the Tomb Raiders during Operation Iraqi Freedom, and received two Army Commendation Medals for his outstanding services and unwavering commitment to duty; and

Whereas, featured in a story entitled “Portrait of a Platoon” by Romesh Ratnesar and Michael Weisskopf, Sergeant Buxton is proud of his selection as one of three soldiers in his platoon chosen to represent the American soldier on the cover of Time magazine’s special “Person of the Year” issue; and

Whereas, the cover photo of Sergeant Buxton and the two other soldiers was taken by photographer James Nachtwey, who was traveling with Buxton and writer Michael Weisskopf when their military vehicle was attacked by a grenade; and

Whereas, Sergeant Buxton graduated from St. Elizabeth High School near Lake Ozark in 1989; enlisted in the Army as a 13S (Field Artillery Survey) on March 30, 1991; served his first tour in Germany; joined the Army Reserves upon his return to the United States; and re-enlisted in the Army after his wife, Audrey, whom he had met at a training camp while in the Reserves, was shipped to Germany; and

Whereas, the proud father of two fine sons, Sergeant Buxton looks forward to reuniting with his loved ones upon his possible return to the United States in February 2004 for a stint at Fort Riley in Kansas:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the courageous, patriotic service of Sergeant Buxton on behalf of the people and institutions of Missouri, and to extend to him our very best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of “Outstanding Missourian” Sergeant Ronald Buxton of Lake Ozark, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer
District No. 115

Representative Wayne Cooper, M.D.
District No. 155

Representative Jack Jackson

District No. 89

Representative Bill Ransdall
District No. 148

Joined by the Entire House Membership

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 222, adopted January 28, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker